

Community Indoor Market

Sunday, November 17th
Sunday, December 15th
9:30am -1:30pm

Come see local artisans and food producers selling jewellery, pottery, baking, textiles, hand knitting, jams, candy and more! Also a Garage Sale Corner featuring gently used, quality, pre-loved items.

NIGHT OF MUSIC MONTEREY CONCERT BAND



Thursday, November 21st
5:30-8pm • Garry Oak Room
(bar opens at 5pm)

Cost: \$25.50 Members: \$19**

After a fabulous dinner, your Monterey Concert Band will take to the stage with a special program you're sure to enjoy!

Volunteer Luncheon

Thursday, November 28th

Noon-2pm

in the Garry Oak Room



Monterey volunteers deserve a 'world of thanks' – with a plated lunch, served by staff and dignitaries.

All regular Monterey Volunteers and the MRAA Board, club representatives and committee members are invited to attend!

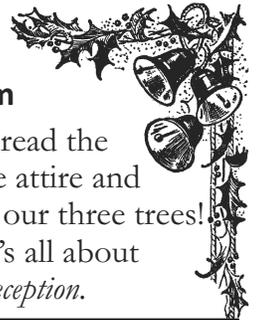
Please RSVP and collect your ticket from Reception by Thursday, November 21st

It's Time to Deck the Halls

Friday, November 22nd • 10:30am-1:30pm

A small team of elves is needed to help spread the holiday spirit throughout the Centre! Festive attire and Santa hats are most-welcome as we decorate our three trees!

After some treats to fuel our creativity, it's all about 'decking the halls'! *Please sign up at Reception.*



Members' Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 11th

12:30-2pm in the Garry Oak Room

Cost: \$22 Members: \$14**



Enjoy a festive holiday meal of turkey and all the trimmings with a delicious dessert with your Monterey family, as Monterey members and guests come together to celebrate the season! *Please purchase tickets early as seating is limited.*

Clubs' Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 19th • 12:30-2pm • Garry Oak Room
Cost \$22 Members: \$14**

This luncheon is offered for Clubs to celebrate the season together, with a festive holiday meal (turkey and all the trimmings, complete with a delicious dessert). Club members will be seated together and each Club will be acknowledged for being in attendance. *Please purchase tickets early as seating is limited.*

Holly-Daze Dinner & Dance

Sunday, December 15th • 5:30-9pm (bar opens at 5pm)

Cost: \$28.50 Members: \$24.50



The holidays are a time to sparkle and shine and this annual dinner and dance is spectacular! After a decadent dinner, popular entertainer Ron King's program starts with a taste of music bingo (and prizes) then songs that are sure to have you singing along and some folks twirling on the dance floor!

This event is hosted in partnership with the Victoria People Meeting People Dance Society.

Remember these Dates:

Drama Club Matinee

Sunday, November 3rd

Remembrance Day

Monday, November 11th

Oak Bay Artists' Studio Tour

Saturday/Sunday, Nov 2 & 3

Monterey Recreation Centre 1442 Monterey Avenue V8S 4W1
250-370-7300 recreation.oakbay.ca

*** ticket price reduction
funded by MRAA.
Members must show Monterey
Membership Card.*

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Free Talks

Sign up in advance at Reception

Aging & Loneliness: Tools to Avoid Isolation (Silvia Mangué Alene)

Tuesday, November 12th 1-2pm • Pine Room

Learn effective tools and tactics to avoid isolation. Staying active and connected to others is key to healthy aging. Silvia will share tips on how to keep your spirits high.

Welcome to Oak Bay Community Event

Saturday, November 16th • 1:30-3:30pm • Garry Oak Room

Join Oak Bay in welcoming new residents to the community. Complimentary Refreshments, Door Prizes and Live Entertainment.

You're Doing What? At Your Age?! Island Sexual Health Society

Thursday, November 21st • 1-2pm • Garden Court

Enjoy a light hearted theatrical performance about a serious health issue. Become aware of what you can do to protect yourself in new relationships.

Pacific Opera-Free Live Performance

Thursday, November 21st • 11-11:45am • Garden Court

Monterey Members are invited to enjoy live opera music compliments of Pacific Opera.

Notices



Turn your clocks back – 2am Sunday, November 3rd

Flu Shots

November 5th, 6th, & 8th • 9:30am-12:30pm

Courtesy of Oak Bay Pharmasave.

Blood Pressure Drop-in Clinic

Thursdays, 11:30am-1pm • Bonsai Room • Free • Drop-in

Stop in and have your blood pressure checked! For Monterey members only. Please note: **NO BP Clinic on Thursday, November 28th** as we celebrate our volunteers at the appreciation luncheon.

People Meeting People Dances • Cost: \$10 Members: \$8

Sunday, November 10th and 24th • 7-10pm • Garry Oak Room

Singles & couples welcome. *Advance tickets required for this evening.

Nursing Foot Care Service

Lorna Gail Proudfoot, RN

Mondays, November 4th & 18th

in the Bonsai Room

One hour appointment times:

9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am, or 12:30pm

Cost: \$65 • Member: \$60

Book and pay for your appointment at Reception.



Lobby Display

**Mobility & Safety Aids
Wednesday, November 13th
9am -noon**

Wellwise
by Shoppers Drug Mart
Come see the latest in
mobility aids, bathroom
safety, compression clothing
and therapeutic aids.

Monterey Staff

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**View Oak Leaves
online in colour!**

Visit:
recreation.oakbay.ca

Centre Hours

Monday - Thursday:
8:30am-8:45pm

Friday: 8:30am-4:30pm

Saturday: 8:45am-4pm

Sunday: 12:45-4pm

Remembrance Day,
Monday, November 11th
12:45-4pm



**Celebrate
Members'
Birthdays**

Thursday, November 7th

1:30-2:15pm in the lobby
with *entertainment by
Monterey Avenue Minstrels.*
*Cake generously
provided by MRAA*



SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS

CONGRATULATIONS **Judy Randall!**

You have won the volunteer draw. Your voucher for a free entrée from the Fern Café can be picked up from Reception.



Judy

Fern Café Helpers serve up a whole lot more than soup and sandwiches and this month we applaud Judy, a member of the Wednesday morning trio! In addition to her weekly shift, she has 'spared' and covered other morning (and occasional afternoon) shifts. Judy's 'can-do' attitude and warm, encouraging nature appears to be contagious! She and those volunteering alongside her seamlessly see to the day's routines and seek out other ways in which to lend support to the kitchen staff. Judy, it might even be said that you are 'better than sliced bread!' Thanks so very much for all of your volunteer contributions!

If you would like to be next month's winner please fill out a yellow chit and enter it into the draw bucket in Joanne's office after your next volunteer shift at Monterey Recreation Centre. You too could be rewarded with a free lunch!

Our Volunteers are Special

As a member of our volunteer team, you will become immersed in many of the activities and happenings that keep our members engaged! It's easy to "try on" a volunteer role as a "spare" and then determine whether it suits you, your interests and your availability!

Whether you are able to offer a couple hours a week (or a few hours a month) what you could gain in return would be well worth your efforts.

A number of roles and opportunities await your discovery.

If you'd like to become more of a contributing member of Monterey Recreation Centre, please contact Joanne by phone: (250) 370-7309 or email: jdonohue@oakbay.ca and we can discuss your interests and availability to find the volunteer position that is the best fit for you!



Volunteers are the heart of Monterey



Bouquets

❁ Thank you Club Reps for submitting your updated Club Membership lists

❁ Many thanks to our Bazaar Convener, Pat and all of the booth leaders, sorters and the many volunteers who contributed to the success of the annual Oak Leaves Bazaar – as well as all who donated items to this fundraiser!

❁ Just want to say a big thank you to all the staff and volunteers for all their hard work and cooperation. We could not do it without you. From Pat, Camille and Jill.



Call for Interest

Looking for 4 or 8 Members who are interested in playing Rummikub a large tile based game that combines the elements of Rummy and Mahjong. The game will happen on Monday afternoons 3-4:30pm in the Fern Café. Please indicate your interest by leaving your name and contact info at Reception.

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ASSOCIATION NEWS



MRAA

A Message from your Board ~

November is an exciting month! So many events happening and so much money to count as a result of a very successful Oak Leaves Bazaar!

Kudos to Pat Chung, Bazaar Coordinator and her amazing Bazaar Team. Many of our members were involved doing everything from sorting the donations to the final stage of setting up and selling. We appreciate the flexibility of the Maintenance Staff when we make special requests regarding the table set ups in all the rooms and the willingness of the Reception Staff when we approach them with those last minute requests for signs, and name tags etc. MRAA is proud to state that every member of the Monterey Recreation Centre benefits in one way or another from the proceeds of both the Annual Bazaar and the Annual Rummage Sale.

Without fail, there are signs of the flu bugs visiting us again so don't forget to take advantage of the **Flu Shots** offered, here, at the MRC. **November 5th, 6th and 8th.**

There is always something happening at the MRC. Here are just a few of the upcoming November events. **November 3rd - Drama Club Matinee**, they will dish up lots of laughs in their 2 short comedies which will be followed by delicious refreshments; **Community Indoor Markets** will be held on **November 17th and December 15th**. Rent a table to sell your handmade items or come and do some Christmas Shopping; **November 21st – Concert Band Night of Music**. Enjoy a chicken dinner followed by an evening of great music.

More to remember: **November 28th – Volunteer Recognition Lunch: December 19th – Club Holiday Luncheon** and maybe the most important is **Linda's Shortbread! Orders start November 1st**. Give yourself an early Christmas treat! Take a break from baking and enjoy these scrumptious delights.

The next MRAA Board Meeting is scheduled for January 15th, 2020 at 10am.

All MRAA members are welcome to attend, so please join us! Please advise the President, Gail Hughes or Secretary, Joyce Bevan in advance.

Submitted by Camille Wood, Past President

Please remember to renew your Monterey membership

MRAA provides complimentary Memberships to eligible 50+ adults with low annual household income levels.

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Donations to MRAA

Donations to MRAA are always welcome.

Tax Receipts available.

Leave a message at Reception for John Herbert, Board Member.



Members \$1.90 / Non-Members \$2.95
Movie Card 10/\$16.25 (Tax included)

Movies are shown on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 1pm.

Nov 14 *Otherhood* 1hr 40min
A grounded, soulful, celebratory comedy about three mothers and their adult sons. The film explores the stage after motherhood, *Otherhood*, when you have to redefine your relationship with your children, friends, spouse, and most importantly, yourself. Angela Bassett, Patricia Arquette, Felicity Huffman

Nov 28 *Morning Glory* 1hr 47min
An upstart television producer accepts the challenge of reviving a struggling morning show program with warring co-hosts. Rachel McAdams, Harrison Ford, Diane Keaton

Dec 12 *Viewer's Choice*
Those attending the November 28th movie will vote on the movie of their choice for the last movie to be shown in 2019... if you've a suggestion, please share it on November 14th!

Your Board Members are:

Joyce Bevan, Secretary; Sharon Belton, Club Director, Performing Arts; Sandy Cotton, Vice President; Gloria Cox, Club Director, Social Activities; John Herbert, Director at Large; Jill Garnett, Club Director, Continuing Education; Gail Dawson, Director at Large; Diane Hanson, Club Director, Creative Arts; Doreen Richards, Treasurer; Joan Wells, Club Director, Physical Activities; Camille Wood, Past President; Gail Hughes, President.

CLUB NEWS

Billiards: Our last social evening of the year is behind us and we now look forward to our Christmas 'Snookerfest'. Watch for the dates in this space in the December Oak Leaves and make sure to sign up early for this popular event. Lessons for the fall are now finishing. If you are interested in learning the game, or perhaps just to refine your technique, watch for upcoming sessions throughout the winter. It's November, so please take time to remember on the eleventh.

Book Group #1 will meet on November 21st at 1:30pm in the Bamboo Room to discuss *Warlight* by Michael Ondaatje. We are preparing a new list of titles. We meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Membership is full presently.

Book Group #2 meets the first Thursday of the month at 1:30pm in the Bamboo Room. Upcoming reads include *Warlight* by Michael Ondaatje, *The Gown: A Novel of the Royal Wedding* by Jennifer Robson, and *Educated* by Tara Westover. Membership is currently full.

Book Group #3 meets the third Thursday of the month at 3:30pm in the Bamboo Room. For more information, please contact Hope Walsh through Reception.

Cabaret: We are happy to report that we have some new members and that they are eager to participate in our "Fabulous Fifties" show. So far, we have been doing some improv to build our skills and we are enjoying the great songs of the decade. Thinking about having some fun singing and entertaining? The more the merrier. There is still time to join us for our spring show. Did you know that you do not have to audition? Practice is on Sunday afternoons from 1:15-3:30pm. For more information, please ask at Reception.

Carpet Bowling: Come try carpet bowling with our team. We will teach you if you've never played! All are welcome! Tuesday 1-3:30pm wear comfortable clothes and have some fun with us!

Chorus: The Monterey Chorus performed our first concert of the season at Somerset House on October 22nd featuring songs celebrating life and the fall season. We will be doing a Remembrance Day program on November 5th at Mount St. Mary's. The choir practices Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30am in the Douglas Room and we welcome new members. Please contact Monterey Reception for further information.

Classical Music: We will meet on Thursday, November 14th 1:30-3pm in the Bamboo Room when Frances Aknai presents three Beethoven piano compositions: *Sonata No. 6 in F Major, Opus 10, No. 2 from his early period, Piano Concerto No. 5 in E flat Major, Opus 73 from his middle period and Sonata No. 32 in C minor, Opus 111 from his late period.* We look forward to hearing these compositions played by different pianists. The Classical Music Club meets regularly on the second Thursday of the month. Please bring a friend or two.

Colour Your World: With Thanksgiving and Hallowe'en over, it is time to start thinking of Christmas! I have friends who have already started their shopping. It is almost time to get out those Christmas baking recipes we all have. Many of mine are traditional with my family and are hoped for, if not expected. November is known as a cold and damp month here in Victoria. Flower beds and vegetable gardens are all cleaned up, pruned, fertilized for the "winter" ahead. It is a good month to sit inside, by a warm fire (real or electric) and colour. I have a book of Christmas pictures ready to be shared with you. Let me know if you are interested.

Craft Carnival: The Bazaar was a great success! Our hard work to finish projects for the October bazaar has borne fruit and many satisfied shoppers bought our beautiful creations. But don't worry, there are still plenty of items available for purchase. Our talented crafters are now focusing on creating lovely and unique holiday gifts. So keep checking our display cabinets for some great holiday shopping!

Drama: The Drama Club, aka the Monterey Players, are back in action, with a number of new members. Anyone with an interest in theatre, not just acting, will be warmly welcomed. We have a few performances booked for this fall including one at the Monterey Centre the afternoon of Sunday, November 3rd, for those who passed up the dinner theatre last spring.

Family History: The Family History Club will hold its meeting Thursday, November 14th in the Pine Room from 9:30-11:30am. Our speakers this month are weavers and spinners with a tale to tell and we look forward to their presentation. Visitors are welcome.

Garden: The Garden Club is always happy to have you join their talks. Please see the poster on the Clubs bulletin board for this month's speaker and topic.

Golf: It's been a great summer for golfing! We have such a great group that enjoy each other and are so encouraging! There is always room for more....ask Santa for some clubs so you can join us next March! We still have a few weeks this month until Henderson closes for the season sometime the middle of November. You are welcome to join us! Thank you to all Golf Club members for making this such a fun year!

Deadline for club news is one month in advance! (100 words or less) in person or email: dclarke@oakbay.ca

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iPad: Welcome to The iPad Club. At the beginning of the meetings, we have a volunteer of our Club give a 5-15 minute presentation. Members can discuss and practice the topic. Members are encouraged to bring up a question or problem at each individual table and let a joint effort of other members to solve the problem. If the group isn't able to come up with the answer, volunteers of the day will come and help out. For beginners, there will be a volunteer to help out; however, the iPad Club is not a class and we are not tutors. Other Apple-family device users who use iPhone, iPod Touch, and Apple Watch are welcome to join in. There is NO meeting on November 11th.

Mah Jong: Western Mah Jong is played every Friday from 12:30-3:45pm in the Douglas Room. Doors open at 12:15pm and play starts on or before 12:30pm. If you have completed the course "Introduction to Mah Jong" or you already know how to play you are welcome to join us. Those people interested in learning how to play Western Mah Jong but have limited or no knowledge of the game, please contact the Reception Desk to arrange to come and watch for an afternoon. We welcome new members.

Scriveners: *Lest we forget--lest we forget!* Rudyard Kipling. In six words, this soulful, solemn message from his 1897 poem, *Recessional*, illustrates the power and strength of the writer. His perceptions, beliefs, history, intention, and writing skill all contributed to the shaping of the finished work, from which this quote became part of our shared national memory. Years later, in 2019, worlds of ideas are still waiting to be explored and stories are waiting to be told by writers like you and me. Come find YOUR voice at Scriveners! Writers at all levels of experience are welcome. Coffee follows.

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Fern Café Menu

November

1	Chef's Choice	
4	Chef's Choice	
5	Roast Beef & Yorkshire	\$8
6	Liver & Onions	\$8
7	Chef's Special	
8	Soup & Sandwich	
11	CLOSED	
12	Steak & Chips	\$10
13	Chicken Curry	\$8
14	Chef's Choice	
15	Chef's Choice	

18	Chef's Choice	
19	Lasagna Beef or Veg	\$8
20	Pork & Apple	\$8
21	Chef's Choice	
22	Chef's Choice	
25	Chef's Choice	
26	Fried Chicken & Waffles	\$8
27	Meatloaf & Mash	\$8
28	Chef's Choice	
29	Salmon & Pea Puree	\$8

December

2	Hamburger Bar	\$8
3	Fish & Chips	\$8
4	Chef's Choice	\$8
5	Chef's Special	

Linda's Shortbread!

\$5.25/dozen

Orders taken
November 1st - 20th

Comfort Casseroles

for sale Tuesday-Friday,
from 11am-1pm

Meat Pies \$4

Casseroles \$6

... while they last!

FERN CAFÉ HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9am-3pm

Lunch Entrées: 11am-1pm
Soup and Sandwiches: 11am-2pm

**Entrée Prices vary depending
on the menu item.**

Saturdays, 1-3:15pm

Serving coffee and fresh baking,
no entrées, soup or sandwiches.

Menu subject to change
without notice.

Tax is included in all food prices.

COFFEE EXPRESS

Enjoy delicious baked
goodies made on site!

HOURS:

Monday to Friday
9:30-11:30am
1:30-3:30pm

Saturday
9:30am-12:30pm

Sunday/Holidays
1:30-3:30pm

EXPRESS CARD \$13.95

Speed up your transactions
and save!

Buy 10 cups of coffee, tea,
muffins or squares
for the price of 9!

Use your Express Card
at the Fern Café
and Coffee Express.

Purchase your Express Card
at Reception.

Membership not required.

MRAA CLUBS

• **Bold Type** requires advance registration or ticket purchase.

Monday		Thursday	
9-4	Woodcrafters	9-4	Woodcrafters
12:30-4	Scrabble	9-Noon	Art
1-3	Ukulele	9-Noon	Table Tennis (Level II)
1-4	Table Tennis (Level I)	9:30-11:30	Family History (2 nd)
3-4:30	iPad	9:30-11:30	Poker (1 st , 3 rd , 4 th)
4:15-5:30	Art	10-11:30	Sing-a-Long
Tuesday		10-Noon	Colour Your World
9-4	Woodcrafters	1:30-3	Classical Music (2 nd)
9-Noon	Art	1:30-3:30	Book (1 st & 3 rd)
9-Noon	Table Tennis (Level I + II)	3:30-5:30pm	Book (3 rd)
9:30-11:30	Craft Carnival	2-4	Garden (4 th)
9:30-11:30	Monterey Chorus	4:30-6	Concert Band
9:30	Golf (Henderson)	Friday	
will close this month for winter		9-4	Woodcrafters
10:30-Noon	Agemates	9-noon	Chinese Brush Painting (Windsor Pavilion)
1-4	Carpet Bowling	10-11	French
1:30-4	Darts	11:15-12:30	Spanish
Wednesday		10-11:45	Drama
9-4	Woodcrafters	12:30-3:45	Mah Jong
Noon-2	Lapidary	1:30-3:30	Scriveners
1-2:30	Stamp	Saturday	
2:15-4:15	Dealer's Choice Poker	9-4	Woodcrafters
2:30-5	Chess	2-4	Merry Widows (3 rd)
6:30-9	Table Tennis	Sunday	
6:45-8:45	Lapidary	1-4	Darts
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> The Billiards Room is open during regular Centre hours. </div>		1-3:30	Monterey Cabaret
		1-4	Table Tennis (Level II)
		1-4	Woodcrafters

VOLUNTEER LED ACTIVITIES

Monday	Wednesday
9:30 Walking 5K	1-4 Cribbage
10 Walking 3K	Cost: \$3.10
<i>This is an unsupervised activity.</i>	Members: \$2.10, 5/\$9.50
<i>Participants walk at their own risk.</i>	Partners are not necessary.
Eight games per session.	
Tuesday	Thursday
3-4:30 The Discussion Group - Drop in	11:30-1 Blood Pressure Clinic
John Tiffany	1-2:30 Needlecraft Drop-In
November 5 th & 19 th	1-3 Movies- page 4
Discuss a wide range of current events.	2 nd and 4 th
Cost: \$2 • \$1 members	
2-4 World Religions Drop-in Discussion	
with Kathryn Kearney	
will resume in January.	

Bridge

Call to secure your spot
250-370-7300

Foursome Bridge
Mon 12:45-4pm

Progressive Pairs
Wed 12:45-4pm

Friendship Foursome
Fri 12:45-4pm

Cost: \$3¹⁰ • Members \$2¹⁰
Members only:
5/\$9.50 • 10 /\$15.75

Novice Bridge
Wed 9-11:30am

Cost: \$8.35 • 5/\$37⁵⁰
Members \$7 • 5/\$31⁵⁰

Duplicate Bridge
Tues • Thurs • Sat
12:15-4pm

Cost: \$9.35 • 5/\$42
Members:
1/ \$8.35 • 5/\$37.50

Golf! Henderson Park

Par 3 Golf Course

The Monterey Golf Club meets Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10am.

Until Mid-November



In the case of a First Aid Emergency please alert Reception.



Lest we forget

Changes: Check the Notice Board for updates!

Date	Club	Change	Reason
Sun., Nov. 3	Table Tennis	Cancelled	Drama Matinee
Sun., Nov. 17	Table Tennis	Cancelled	Farmer's Market
Sun., Nov. 17	Cabaret	Cancelled	booking conflict
Thurs., Nov. 28	Table Tennis	Cancelled	Volunteer Luncheon

FITNESS DROP-IN FOR THOSE OVER 50 YEARS

	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
Moderate	9-9:45am	9-9:45am	9-9:45am
Mild	10-10:45am	10-10:45am	10-10:45am
Sit & Fit	11-11:45am	11-11:45am	11-11:45am
Strength			9-9:45am
Cardio & Stretch		9-9:45am	

For 50 years and better, Monterey membership is required

Single \$5.25 5 pack \$23.75 10 pack \$39.50

NO CLASSES ON STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

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MONTEREY OUTINGS

Miracle on 34th Street (Chemainus Theatre)

Saturday, November 16th

Departs: 9:30am Returns: 6pm

Cost: \$150 Member Cost: \$123**

This is the Christmas story that we all want to believe in! Kris Kringle, a retired old man, is hired as Macy's Santa in New York, and begins to spread Christmas cheer by directing parents to other stores, where they can find the exact special gift on their child's Christmas list. As he threatens their commercialization of Christmas, those in charge try to have Kris committed. The stakes are raised with a court competency hearing, and the risk of one little girl's belief in Santa. When the court confirms Kris the true Santa, both children and adults alike experience the delight of childhood fantasy. *(Cost includes theatre ticket, buffet, transportation, tax & gratuities.)*

Trips fill quickly!

Register early to ensure your space.

Butchart Gardens

Saturday, December 7th

Departs: 4pm Returns: 9pm

Register by: Friday, November 29th

Cost: \$72 Members: \$53**

The beautiful gardens are spectacular with brilliant lighting and décor, seasonal performers, ice skating and more to captivate your senses! It's a sight to behold – and if it is a little cold, you can escape into the comfort of one of the eateries or the coffee shop to warm up and enjoy some tasty eats! *(Cost includes admission, transportation, tax & gratuity. Refreshments/snacks are at your expense.)*

**** ticket price reduction funded by Monterey Recreation Activity Association (MRAA).**

Christmas Concert & Dinner

Sunday, December 15th

Departs: 1pm Returns: 7:30pm

Cost: \$110 Member: \$84**

Register by: Wednesday, Dec. 4th

Smiles and song will fill the Salvation Army Victoria Citadel as the Greater Victoria Police Chorus and guest vocalist, Cassie Webster present this year's Christmas concert. Following the performance, we will enjoy a great meal, in good company amidst a festive atmosphere. *(Cost includes concert ticket, dinner, transportation, tax and gratuity.)*

Night of Lights



Tuesday, December 17th

Departs: 5:30pm Returns: 9:15pm

Register by: Friday, December 6th

Cost: \$31 Members: \$21**

'Tis the season to enjoy the sparkle of holiday lights – let us take the wheel and drive about town, taking in some of the most brilliant light displays. We will stop for a sweet treat and warm refreshments on this outing, so please “skip dessert” after your early dinner at home before we depart so as to enjoy the rest stop! *(Cost includes transportation, refreshments, tax & gratuity.)*

2nd Night of Lights



Wednesday, December 18th

Departs: 5:30pm Returns: 9:15pm

Register by: Friday, December 6th

Cost: \$31 Members: \$21**

Please see trip description above! Always a popular outing, we have planned for a second night. With interest, we may add a second coach on one (or both) evenings!

C-FAX SANTAS ANONYMOUS BEAR DRIVE



Select a 'bear' from the tree in the lobby (after November 22nd) and return the new unwrapped gift to Reception by the date reflected on the back of the 'bear tag.'

Sponsored by Monterey Recreation Activity Association.

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Stamp: On August 20, 2019, Iceland Post announced that it will discontinue issuing postage stamps in 2021 as a cost-cutting measure. There is a chance they may give the responsibility for producing stamps to a private contractor; if not, is this the beginning of the end for postage stamps? What is the alternative? How will our letters to loved ones in faraway places be received? A big part of a country's history is chronicled by way of postage stamps. Monterey Stamp Club meets Wednesdays 1-2:30pm. Thank you for dropping off postal stamps for Cancer Research at Reception.

Ukulele: We extend a warm welcome to the new members who have joined our club. Your cheerfulness and good musicianship are a real bonus for our group. We look forward to sharing great music and fun times. Also coming up shortly will be our holiday ukulele club luncheon which is always a real crowd pleaser.

Banking and Credit Card Statements

If you have any questions about a transaction on your statement that has to do with Oak Bay please check in with Reception prior to speaking with your bank and we would be happy to investigate the charge for you. Did you know that depending how your payment was processed it may appear on your statement as a variety of descriptions?

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- Monterey Centre 2